

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (<i>Name, State Bar number, and address</i>) SO CAL EQUAL ACCESS GROUP JASON KIM (SBN: 190246) 101 SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE SECOND FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90004 TELEPHONE NO: (213) 205-6560 FAX NO (<i>Optional</i>): E-MAIL ADDRESS (<i>Optional</i>): ATTORNEY FOR (<i>Name</i>): SAM BENFORD	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Los Angeles STREET ADDRESS: 350 West 1st Street MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, 90012 BRANCH NAME: FIRST STREET U.S COURTHOUSE	
PLAINTIFF / PETITIONER: SAM BENFORD DEFENDANT / RESPONDENT: STERLING MACHINERY AUCTIONS LLC; DEBRA LOUISE MATTES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE DEBRA MATTES LIVING TRUST	CASE NUMBER: 2:25-cv-06630-ODW (MBKx)
PROOF OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS	Ref. No. or File No.: 14163653

(Separate proof of service is required for each party served.)

1. At the time of service I was at least 18 years of age and not a party to this action.
2. I served copies of: (Fed.R. Civ. P. 4(c)(2). "Service in compliance with federal rules of civil procedures")
 - a. summons
 - b. complaint
 - c. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) package
 - d. Civil Case Cover Sheet (*served in complex cases only*)
 - e. cross-complaint
 - f. other (*specify documents*): CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF INTERESTED PARTIES; NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES JUDGES; NOTICE TO PARTIES OF COURT-DIRECTED ADR PROGRAM; NOTICE TO COUNSEL RE CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE; NOTICE TO PARTIES: ADA DISABILITY ACCESS LITIGATION; CIVIL MINUTES—GENERAL ORDER DECLINING SUPPLEMENTAL JURISDICTION
3. a. Party served (*specify name of party as shown on documents served*):
STERLING MACHINERY AUCTIONS LLC
 - b. Person (other than the party in item 3a) served on behalf of an entity or as an authorized agent (and not a person under item 5b on whom substituted service was made) (*specify name and relationship to the party named in item 3a*):
ADAM MATTES, AS AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS
4. Address where the party was served:
9310 Garvey Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733
5. I served the party (*check proper box*)
 - a. by personal service. I personally delivered the documents listed in item 2 to the party or person authorized to receive service of process for the party (1) on (date): (2) at (time):
 - b. by substituted service. On (date): Fri, Oct 03 2025 at (time): 03:27 PM I left the documents listed in item 2 with or in the presence of (*name and title or relationship to person indicated in item 3*):
John Doe (refused to give name), Manager - Age: 55; Ethnicity: Caucasian; Gender: Male; Weight: 220; Height: 6'1"; Hair: Brown
 - (1) (business) a person at least 18 years of age apparently in charge at the office or usual place of business of the person to be served. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
 - (2) (home) a competent member of the household (at least 18 years of age) at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of the party. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
 - (3) (physical address unknown) a person at least 18 years of age apparently in charge at the usual mailing address of the person to be served, other than a United States Postal Service post office box. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
 - (4) I thereafter mailed (by first-class, postage prepaid) copies of the documents to the person to be served at the place where the copies were left (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.20). I mailed the documents on (date): Fri, Oct 03 2025 from (city): UPLAND or a declaration of mailing is attached.
 - (5) I attach a **declaration of diligence** stating actions taken first to attempt personal service.

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5. c. **by mail and acknowledgment of receipt of service.** I mailed the documents listed in item 2 to the party, to the address shown in item 4, by first-class mail, postage prepaid,
 (1) on (date): from (city):
 (3) with two copies of the *Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt* and a postage-paid return envelope addressed to me. (Attach completed *Notice and Acknowledgement of Receipt*.) (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.30.)
 (4) to an address outside California with return receipt requested. (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.40.)

d. **by other means (specify means of service and authorizing code section):**

Additional page describing service is attached.

6. The "Notice to the Person Served" (on the summons) was completed as follows:

a. as an individual defendant.
 b. as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
 c. as occupant.
 d. On behalf of (specify): under the following Code of Civil Procedure section:
 416.10 (corporation) 415.95 (business organization, form unknown)
 416.20 (defunct corporation) 416.60 (minor)
 416.30 (joint stock company/association) 416.70 (ward or conservatee)
 416.40 (association or partnership) 416.90 (authorized person)
 416.50 (public entity) 415.46 (occupant)
 other:

7. Person who served papers

a. Name: MICHAEL RODGERS
 b. Address: 440 NORTH MOUNTAIN AVENUE SUITE 115, UPLAND, CA 91786
 c. Telephone number: 909-850-5242
 d. The fee for service was:
 e. I am:
 (1) not a registered California process server.
 (2) exempt from registration under Business and Professions Code section 22350(b).
 (3) a registered California process server:
 (i) owner employee independent contractor
 (ii) Registration No: 833
 (iii) County: SAN BERNARDINO

8. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
 or
 9. I am a California sheriff or marshal and I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 10/06/2025
 MICHAEL RODGERS

(NAME OF PERSON WHO SERVED PAPERS / SHERIFF OR MARSHAL)



(SIGNATURE)

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DECLARATION OF DILIGENCE

(This form must be attached to another form or court paper before it can be filed in court.)

1) Unsuccessful Attempt: Sep 22, 2025, 9:00 am PDT at 9310 Garvey Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733
Per employee, the recipient is not at work today.

2) Unsuccessful Attempt: Sep 24, 2025, 1:09 pm PDT at 9310 Garvey Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733
Per employee, the recipient is not at work today.

3) Unsuccessful Attempt: Sep 25, 2025, 4:49 pm PDT at 9310 Garvey Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733
Business is closed for the day

4) Successful Attempt: Oct 3, 2025, 3:27 pm PDT at 9310 Garvey Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733 received by John Doe Manager. Age: 55; Ethnicity: Caucasian; Gender: Male; Weight: 220; Height: 6'1"; Hair: Brown

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 10/06/2025

MICHAEL RODGERS

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

Attorney for Plaintiff Petitioner Defendant
 Respondent Other (Specify): REGISTERED PROCESS SERVER